

P E R M I T S

Where is my permit?

The Land and Water Management Division (LWMD) provides information on its applications for land/water interface permits to the public through several avenues and by various media. The LWMD maintains the Coastal and Inland Waters Permit Information System (CIWPIS) in a searchable, on-line system at www.deq.state.mi.us/ciwpis. This system can also be used to view application public notices, public hearing notices, and to provide comment electronically to the division.

All permit applications are entered into the CIWPIS database within a week of being received. Once entered into the system, an application can be tracked on-line. To find the status of an application, use the link above or go to the DEQ Web at www.michigan.gov/deq, select "Water," "MDEQ/USACE Joint Permit Application," then "Coastal and Inland Waters Permit Information System." From the searchable system, the applications can be queried by year, county, township, range and section, water body, file number, or applicant name. An individual application or all applications within a selected category can be searched. The result of the query will display a list of file numbers, applicants, and application status. Click on the folder icon to get specific information on the application. Individual records can be selected for view based on the dates the application was processed, the activity, and the regulation pertinent to the activity. This system can be used to obtain a list of all permit applications applied for in a specific county or on a specific water body over the past five years. It is most commonly used by applicants to track the status of their permit application; i.e. who is reviewing their application or if it has been sent to the Division's field office.

It is highly recommended that applicants use CIWPIS on the Web to check on application status as a quick and inexpensive alternative to calling the DEQ directly. For additional information or assistance in using CIWPIS on the Web, call 517-373-9244 or send an E-mail to PCU at deq-lwm-pcu@michigan.gov or call the **Environmental Assistance Center** at **800-662-9278**.